

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**FOR**

**BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM**

**14211 DUFIEF MILL ROAD, TRAVILAH**

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-25/6

Approximate Building Date: circa 1884 and 1902, altered 1983

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Travilah

Access: Private

This farmstead, located on a knoll above Rich Branch, sits far back from DuFief Mill Road. Buildings include the farmhouse, bank barn, smokehouse and chicken house. It is one of a handful of farms left in the highly developed North Potomac area. While the bank barn is a well preserved example of its building type, the farmhouse has lost much of its original integrity. The house, although originally noted as the F.J. Hurle Farm, was probably built by Basil Thomas Henley about 1884. Mary C. and Franklin J. Herrel lived here from 1887 until 1901. May Baughman was responsible for major improvements to the property after she purchased it from the Herrels. After Baughman sold the farm in 1940, it went through a succession of owners until the present owner bought it in 1963.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. *M: 25-6*

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Basil Thomas Henley Farm

and/or common Amberlea Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 14211 DuFief Mill Road    not for publication

city, town Darnestown    vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Thomas Reed, III

street & number 14211 DuFief Mill Road telephone no.: (301)762-1090

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20878

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4145

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 489

city, town Rockville state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Basil Thomas Henley Farmstead, located on a knoll above Rich Branch, sits far back from DuFief Mill Road from which it is accessed by a long, narrow, paved drive. Pastures on both sides of the drive are enclosed with white paddock fences with diagonally braced gates. Buildings include the farmhouse, bank barn, smokehouse and chicken house. The sixty acre farm is surrounded on the south, north, and west sides by subdivisions and backs up to the Big Pines Local Park on the east, off Travilah Road. The natural setting is an important part of the character of the property.

The frame farmhouse was built in many sections. The original block, built c1884, was a three bay I house facing west. A rear ell extends from the southmost section of the east facade. The rest of the east facade and north facade are extended by later two story additions. A one story ell extends to the north. The front gable roof and rear ell are covered with standing seam metal. Other roofs are composition shingle. While the west facade is covered with drop (German) siding, other siding is wide clapboard.

The main side gable block is a three bay, two story, I house which faces west. Windows with shutters are six over six sash on the first level, and two over two on the second. The foundation is Seneca sandstone. The central entrance, with paneled door, four pane sidelights and Colonial Revival broken pediment, is accessed by a small concrete stoop with metal railing reached by short flights of side steps. Internal chimneys stand on the north and south ends.

At the north end of the main block is a two story, three bay addition with six over six sash at the second level and a three part picture window at the first. A small, one story, side gable hyphen at the north end of this addition connects it to a one story, one bay, front gable addition with a large, multipane window in the west elevation. All additions are recessed from the main block, particularly the northmost one.

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Extending from the southmost part of the main block's rear (east) facade is a lower two story, two bay, gable roof ell which may have been built c1902. Windows are six over six sash and there is an internal chimney at the ridgeline. A one story, shed roof greenhouse covers the westmost bay of the south elevation. Adjacent to it, to the east, is a long, one story, gable roof enclosed porch with large windows on the south elevation. Entrance to the porch is from a glass-paneled door with a tracery fanlight and sidelights on the east (rear) elevation and sliding glass doors in the north elevation. There is also an entrance from the rear of the north-most wing, through another paneled door with tracery fanlight and sidelights. A stone patio stretches across the rear of the house and there is a pool just beyond the patio.

The entrance at the east elevation of the rear porch is now the main entrance to the house, replacing the original entrance on the front (west) elevation, which is difficult to access because of a steep slope and large trees. The driveway which once led to the front entrance now extends to the rear entrance instead.

According to the current owner, William Thomas Reed III, the porch (originally only screened-in) at the east end of the rear ell and the wing immediately to the north of the main block (originally one story) were added in 1948. Mr. Reed, who acquired the property in 1963, added the second story to the front wing in 1983, enclosed the porch at the rear, added the glass doors on the north elevation of the porch, erected the greenhouse at the southwest corner of the rear ell, and reconstructed the chimneys.

To the rear (east) of the house is a group of outbuildings, including a modest size, two-bay bank barn with a corrugated metal roof, vertical wood covering, three louvered windows in each gable end, and a foundation of Seneca sandstone. Only one louvered cupola, in poor condition, remains of the two which originally stood on the east and west gable ends of the roof ridge. On the north elevation is a large overhead door with a small door in its west side and a small six-light casement window in the west-most bay. Across the width of the south elevation is a one-story, one-bay, shed-roof addition.

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To the east of the barn is a metal sided garage, erected in the 1980s. North of it stands a one bay, front gable smokehouse with a raised seam metal roof, board and batten siding, and a vertical wood door with metal strap hinges. The smokehouse is now used for storage. West of the smokehouse is a one story, two bay, board and batten covered, shed roof chicken house with a single six over six, double hung sash in the eastmost bay. The southeast corner has a small addition and there is a large, open, shedroof addition to the rear. The structure is now used as a storage shed/pool house.

The bank barn, smoke house and chicken house are contributing structures.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1884 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Basil Thomas Henley Farm is one of a handful of farms left in the highly developed North Potomac area. While the bank barn is a well preserved example of its building type, the farmhouse has lost much of its original integrity.

The house was probably built by Basil Thomas Henley about 1884. Henley paid \$504 for 63 acres of unimproved land from the estate of William West, deceased, in November 1883.<sup>1</sup> The construction date is inferred from the additional evidence that Henley sold the house in 1887 for more than twice the purchase price. Henley may be the Thomas Henley who, by 1879, lived where Travilah Road (formerly Piney Meeting House Road) met the Sandy Branch, three-quarters of a mile due south. Thomas Henley was again (still?) at that location by 1894.<sup>2</sup>

Mary C. and Franklin J. Herrel lived here from 1887 until 1901, when they defaulted on their mortgage.<sup>3</sup> May Baughman was responsible for major improvements to the property after she purchased it from the Herrels. The rear two story addition of the house may have been built at this time (c1902).<sup>4</sup> After Baughman sold the farm in 1940, it went through a succession of owners until the present owner, William Thomas Reed, III, bought it in 1963. The farm is now known as Amberlea.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M 25-6

See Attached Sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 44.25A

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clare Lise Cavicchiorganization M-NCPPC date May, 1994street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone (301) 495-4570city or town Silver Spring state MD

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(301) 269-2438 ~~514-7600~~

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Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
- c. Historic Period Theme:  
Agriculture
- d. Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Function(s): Farmhouse/Outbuildings  
Uses: Residential, Agricultural

Chain of Title

- 1883 William West Estate via Julian Brewer, Trustee, to Basil Thomas Henley. (Equity #489, EBP 15:162)
- 1887 Basil and Cecilia Henley to Mary C. Herrel, wife of Franklin J. Herrel, \$1260 (Deed JA 6:58)
- 1901 Herrels to May L. Baughman, \$1362 (Deed TD 19:169)
- 1940 Baughman sold property  
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- 1963 to present  
William T. Reed III (Deed 3130:469)



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Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, the source of information is MHT form prepared by Catherine Crawford, 10/82. See chain of title for deed references.

<sup>2</sup> Hopkins 1879 Atlas (Rockville District #4, p9) and 1894 Atlas.

<sup>3</sup> On his 1894 **Atlas**, G.M.Hopkins misspells the occupant as F.J. Hurle, which is how the farm was originally listed on the **Montgomery County Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites**.

<sup>4</sup> By 1894, a George Baughman resided on the 37-acre parcel of land on the other (west) side of DuFief Mill Road from the subject property. (Hopkins 1894 map)

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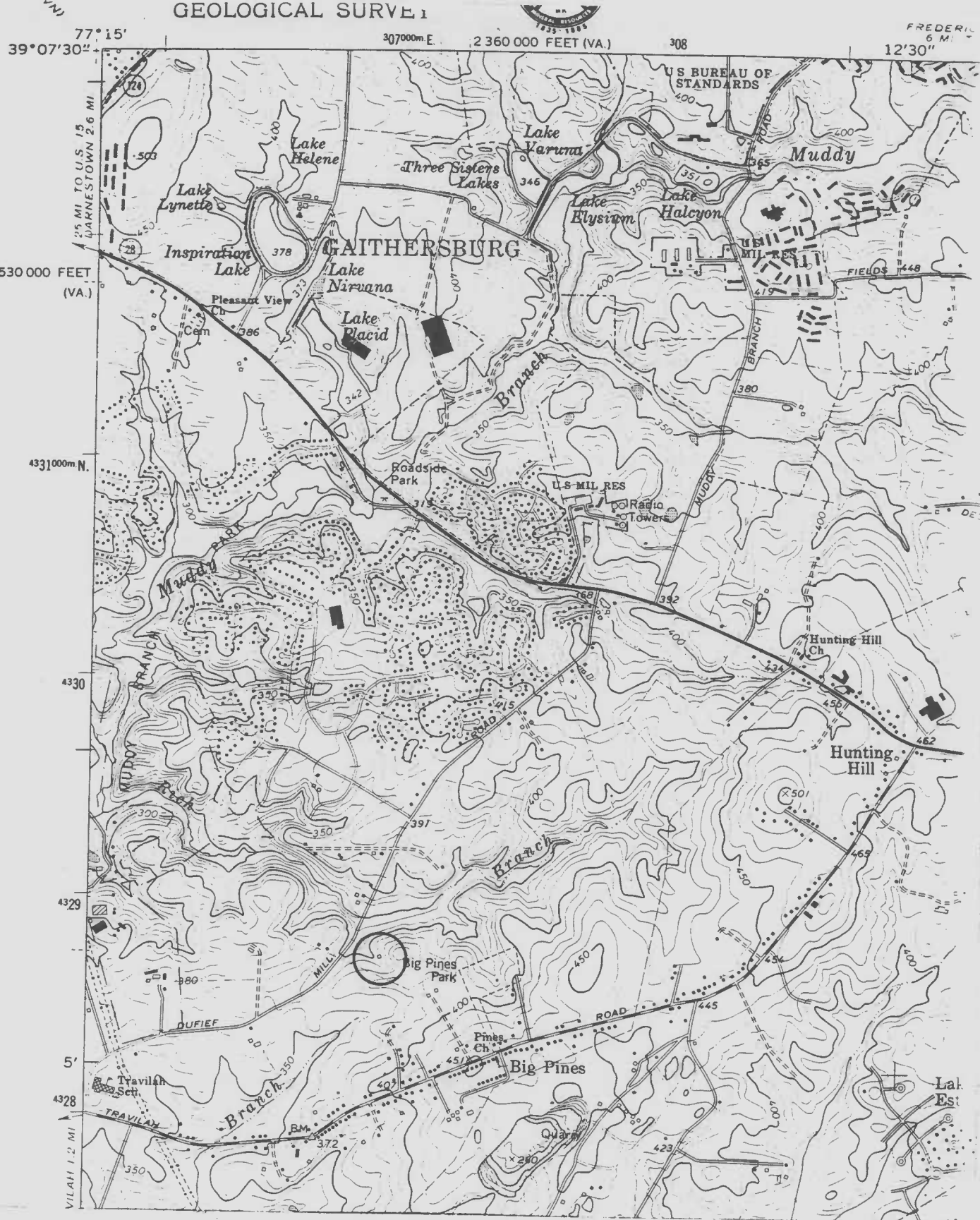
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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**  
**STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM**  
**LOCATIONAL MAP**

**SURVEY NO.:** M: 25/6  
**PROPERTY NAME:** Basil Henley Farm  
**TOWN:** Gaithersburg  
**COUNTY:** MONTGOMERY  
**QUADRANGLE:** Rockville, MD-VA



BASIL THOMAS HEWLEY FARM

M-25/6

14211 Duffell Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (West City)

L. Snyderman

11/93

view up driveway to house (west)

NEG: MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M. 25/6

14211 Duffell Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L. Snyderman

11/93

West (main)

NEG: MD - SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M 25-6

14211 Duffell Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L. Suplerman

11/93

West (main)

NEG: MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M-25/6

14211 Duffell Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L. Snyderman

<sup>11/93</sup>  
West (Main)

NE 6: MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M-25/6

14211 Duffield Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20894 (Mont. Cty.)

L. Snyderman

11/93

West (North End)

NEG: MD SHPO

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# BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M-25106

14211 Duffet Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. City)

L Snyderman

11/93

East (left) + North (right)

NEG : MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M-25/6

14211 Duffell Mill RD

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L. Snyderman

11/93

South

NEG: MD SHRD

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M-25/06

14211 Dufief Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

EAST (REAR)

NEG: MD SHPO

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# BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M-25/6

14211 Duffell Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

J. Snyderman

11/93

South (Left) + East (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY (VIEW FROM REAR)  
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14211 DUFLET MILL RD FARM

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)  
L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM

M-25/6

14211 Dupont Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Montg Co)

L. Taylorman

11/93

View from house (south)

NEG MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY (Outlay) (Chicken Coop  
25/6 FARM Storage  
Shed)

14211 Duffell Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont City)

L Snyderman

11/93

South

NE6 MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY (Outback - Chicken Coop/  
M-25/6 FARM Storage Shed)

14211 Dufferin Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L. Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY FARM (Outing - Garage)  
M-25/6

14211 Duffell Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont Cty)

J Snyderman

11/93

Went

NEG: MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY (Outbldg - Break Barn)  
M-25/6 FARM

14211 Duffield Mill Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. City)

L. Snyderman

11/93

North (Left) + West (Right)

NEG: MDSHPD

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY - (Outbldg - Back  
Barn)  
P 25/6 FARM

14211 Duffell Mill Rd  
Darnestown, MD 20874 (West City)  
L. Snyderman

11/93

North

NEG MD SHPO

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BASIL THOMAS HENLEY (Outkay -  
M-25/6 FARM Smokehouse)

14211 DuPont Mill

Darrestown, MD 20874 (Mont. City)

X Snyderman

11/93

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NEG MD SHPO

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No. 1606645535  
DOE    yes    no

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street & number

folio 489

city, town

Rockville

state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976

   federal       state       county    local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure with a lower two story rear ell. The three bay facade has a central doorway and 2/2 double hung sash windows. On the north end there is a two story external chimney, possibly new; on the south end, there is a small internal chimney.</p> <p>There are several sheds and a bankbarn east of the house. All have stone foundations and framed structures. The sheds have board-and-batten sheathing.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

# 8. Significance

Survey No.

M:25-6

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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and/or	
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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The F.J. Hurle farmhouse is significant as an example of the small farms representative of the later settlement of the Potomac-Travilah area. The house was probably built by Basil Thomas Henley about 1884.<sup>1</sup> Basil had purchased 63 acres of unimproved land in November of 1883 for \$504 from Julian Brewer, trustee in the sale of the estate of William West, deceased. The 63 acres was part of a larger farm.

In June of 1887, Basil and his wife, Cecilia, sold the property to Mary C. Herrel, wife of Franklin J. Herrel (not F.J. "Hurle") for \$1260.<sup>3</sup> In 1901, the house was sold by trustee, the Herrels having defaulted on their mortgage. The property was purchased by May L. Baughman for \$1362.<sup>4</sup> The assessed value of the house doubled between the years 1902 and 1903; this may have been the date of the rear addition.<sup>5</sup> May sold the house in 1940 and it went through a succession of owners until it was purchased in 1963 by William T. Reed, III, the present owner.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the date that the unimproved land was purchased.

<sup>2</sup>Equity #489, EBP 15/162, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

<sup>3</sup>Deed JA 6/58, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>4</sup>Deed TD 19/169, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>5</sup>Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks., 1899-1910.

<sup>6</sup>Deed 3130/469, Mont. Co. Land Records.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.

M: 25-6

Mont. Co. Land Records  
Mont. Co. Judgement Records  
Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 59.6 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

(F.J. Hurle Farm) (or Hurley)

AND/OR COMMON

Amberlea Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

14211 DuFief Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Travilah

VICINITY OF

(Gaithersburg P.O.)

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Wm. Thomas Reed

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

14211 DuFief Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a small, two-story frame house that sits on a knoll above Rich Branch. The house has three bays on its main (west) facade, and there is a central door. There is a stove chimney in the south end wall, and a fireplace-type chimney (possibly modern) on the exterior north wall. To the rear of the main block, is a lower, two-story ell. There are several, modern one-story sections adjoining the house on the north end.

Outbuilding include an attractive, small frame barn, built into the hillside. It has a high stone foundation and three gable-end window/vents.

(Detailed description not available, since property was not visited at time of survey.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property is a very good example of the small farms that marked the late settlement of the Potomac-Travilah area. (The area was, of course, settled from the 18th Century on- however, most of the houses seen today are from this later, heavier occupation.) The houses erected here during the late-19th Century have a marked similarity, and the barns especially are smaller, attractive examples of Victorian design.

This place appears on Hopkins' 1894 map as the F.J. Hurle (possibly Hurley?) farm of 63 acres. It does not appear on earlier maps.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

2/28/75

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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NAME AMBERLEA FARM

LOCATION DUFIEF MILL RD., TRAVILAH, MD.

FACADE W

PHOTO TAKEN 2/28/75

M. Dwyer





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NAME EARLY 20<sup>th</sup> CEN. FARM ACROSS FROM  
LOCATION "AMBERLEA"  
DUFFIE MILL RD. + RICH BRANCH, TRAVILAH, MD.  
FACADE SE  
PHOTO TAKEN 2/28/76  
M. Dwyer